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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – Theater Evacuated, Suspected Gunman Detained

(U) San Francisco police say a man is in custody and a handgun has been recovered from inside a movie theater that was evacuated after officials received reports of a possible gunman. A San Francisco Police spokeswoman reported authorities received a 911 call last night of a person possibly armed with a handgun inside a movie theater at the Metreon shopping center. Officers responded to the shopping center in downtown San Francisco and evacuated one of the theaters "in an abundance of caution." No injuries were reported.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Colombia – ‘Dronejacking’ May Be the Next Big Cyber Threat

(U) Washington— A big rise in drone use is likely to lead to a new wave of "dronejackings" by cybercriminals, security experts warned yesterday. A report by Intel's McAfee Labs said hackers are expected to start targeting drones used for deliveries, law enforcement or camera crews, in addition to hobbyists. The concept of dronejacking was demonstrated at a security conference last year, where researchers showed how someone could easily take control of a toy drone. The report noted that many consumer drones lack adequate security, which makes it easy for an outside hacker to take control.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [AFP](#)

(U) Ohio – Ohio State Assault by Immigrant Raises Fears in Somali Community

(U) Columbus – Immigrants in Columbus, Ohio's Somali community fear a backlash after an immigrant injured 11 people in an attack at Ohio State University, the second attack by an African immigrant in the area this year. With the second-largest Somali population in the United States, the area's 38,000 immigrants fear the college town and state capital may be less welcoming of foreigners. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility for the attack, and US officials said that the assailant, Abdul Razak Ali Artan, may have followed the same path to self-radicalization as militants in a number of "lone wolf" attacks.

SOURCE: 30 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nevada – Suspect Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy for Attacks in India

(U) Reno – A Nevada man who prosecutors say conspired to provide materials and support to co-conspirators to carry out terrorist attacks in India aimed at creating an independent Sikh state pleaded guilty yesterday to federal charges. Balwinder Singh, 42, made the plea in US District Court in Reno as part of an agreement with prosecutors. According to prosecutors Singh, also known as Jhaji, Happy Possi and Baljit, plotted terrorist attacks in India with several other people as part of a movement to create a Sikh state in the Punjab region. Singh, who was arrested in December 2013, faces a maximum of 15 years in prison.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) North Carolina – Suspect Pleads Guilty to Plotting ISIL Attacks

(U) Asheville – A 20-year-old North Carolina man accused of murdering his neighbor and offering to pay someone to kill his own parents pleaded guilty yesterday to plotting mass shooting attacks in the name of ISIL. Justin Sullivan admitted to one count of attempting to commit an act of terrorism transcending national boundaries. The plea agreement calls for a sentence of life in prison. US prosecutors said Sullivan conspired with Junaid Hussain, a British hacker who was an active online recruiter of people to carry out attacks on behalf of ISIL.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – Authorities Detain Six Suspected of Links to Attacks

(U) Charleroi – Belgian police detained six people today suspected of links to a machete attack on two female police officers in August that was claimed by ISIL. Federal prosecutors said that during searches of eight houses in and near the city of Charleroi, several weapons were seized, some of them similar to the one used in the attack.

SOURCE: 30 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) China – Chinese See Almost 1,000 Percent Increase in Cyber Attacks

(U) Beijing – Cyber-attacks on Chinese companies have soared in the past two years, according to a survey, with new technologies that connect household items to the internet and allow them to receive and send data seen as particularly vulnerable. The average number of cyber-attacks detected by companies in mainland China and Hong Kong grew 969 percent between 2014 and 2016. The number of attacks averaged more than 7 a day for each of the survey's 440 China-based respondents — around half of the global average of 13. However, the average number of attacks fell by 3 percent globally over the last two years, and 30 percent since 2015, in contrast to the rise in China.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) Spain – Police Arrest Two Moroccans Suspected of ISIL Links

(U) Madrid – Police arrested two Moroccan men suspected of having links to ISIL and police say one of them played an important role in spreading propaganda for the militant group, the Interior Ministry said today. The man - described as a "dangerous solitary actor" living in the outskirts of the capital Madrid - was radicalized through Internet websites aimed at encouraging individuals to attack civil populations. Investigators found that he closely followed websites dedicated to Islamist militant suicide attacks and ISIL activity over a long period of time and used a number of different online profiles. The man was a "key element" of ISIL's decentralized propaganda machine to recruit others to join the group.

SOURCE: 30 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Authorities Catch Sinaloa Cartel Operator

(U) Acapulco – Mexican prosecutors say they have caught a leading opium trafficker for the Sinaloa cartel in the southern state of Guerrero. The Attorney General's Office says the man, identified as Vicente Carrillo Salmeron, is suspected in the killings of law enforcement officers and a local politician. Prosecutors allege that Carrillo Salmeron oversaw the growing and trafficking of marijuana and opium and that he was "one of the main causes of violence" in the region. Federal police said yesterday that

Carrillo Salmeron was arrested along with his bodyguard in the resort city of Acapulco in possession of guns, cocaine and methamphetamines.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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